

JOINT NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIONS
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On reissuance of a National Pollutant
Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
permit, modified under section 301(h) of
the Clean Water Act to discharge to waters
of the United States

On reissuance of waste discharge
requirements to discharge to the Pacific
Ocean

for
GOLETA SANITARY DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
One William Moffett Place
Goleta, CA 93117

Public Notice No. R3-2010-0012
Public Notice: February 18, 2010

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX (USEPA) and the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Central Coast Region (Central Coast Water Board or Water Board) are jointly issuing the following notice of proposed actions under the Clean Water Act (CWA) and Division 7 of the California Water Code, and regulations thereunder.

On the basis of preliminary staff review, the record in this matter, and application of lawful standards and regulations, the Central Coast Water Board and USEPA tentatively propose to reissue the Goleta Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Plant's (Discharger) modified 301(h) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit and Waste Discharge Requirements, (NPDES Permit No. CA0048160, Tentative Order No. R3-2010-0012). The Water Board's participation in the NPDES permit issuance will ensure that all applicable State water quality standards are satisfied, and as such, the Water Board intends that issuance of the NPDES permit with USEPA will serve as its certification of the federal permit under CWA section 401 and the implementing regulations at 40 CFR § 124.54.

The existing NPDES permit and Waste Discharge Requirements (NPDES Permit No. CA0048160, Order No. R3-2004-0129) are based on a variance from federal secondary treatment standards at 40 CFR 133, as provided for discharges under CWA section 301(h) and 40 CFR 125, Subpart G. This wastewater treatment plant is located at One

William Moffett Place, Goleta, California, and discharges disinfected primary treated municipal wastewater to the Pacific Ocean through an ocean outfall, approximately one mile offshore, at a depth of about 87 feet. Sewage solids are treated and then made available, as Class A biosolids, to the local community as a soil amendment.

Persons wishing to comment on the 301(h) tentative decision and draft order/permit, or to request a USEPA hearing, must submit such hearing requests, comments, or evidence in writing to the addresses above to the attention of Elizabeth Sablad at USEPA (415-972-3044, sablad.elizabeth@epa.gov) and Ryan Lodge at the Central Coast Water Board (805-549-3506, rlodge@waterboards.ca.gov) no later than 5:00 pm on **March 22, 2010**. Any request for a USEPA public hearing must also state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

The Central Coast Water Board will not accept comments or other written submissions on the draft Order after **March 22, 2010**, unless the Chair rules that exclusion would create a severe hardship and that the late submission will not prejudice any party or the Central Coast Water Board. Any person asking to submit materials late must explain why the materials were not submitted earlier. The Chair will rule at or before the hearing. Late submissions that consist of evidence (as opposed to policy statements or comments) are generally prejudicial unless all designated parties, and Central Coast Water Board staff, have time to consider the evidence before the hearing.

The Central Coast Water Board will hold a public hearing to obtain oral public comments and consider reissuing the NPDES Permit at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2010, at the:

Central Coast Water Quality Control Board
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and provide oral comments on the proposed action. Persons making comments should confine their statements to the proposed permit. Oral statements should be brief to allow all interested persons time to be heard. For the accuracy of the record, all testimony should be submitted in writing before the end of the public comment period. All timely comments received will be considered in making the final 301(h) permit decision.

The draft order/permit and 301(h) tentative decision are posted on the Water Board's website,

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/centralcoast/board_decisions/tentative_orders/ and USEPA's website, <http://www.epa.gov/region09/water/npdes/pubnotices.html>, respectively. The Administrative Record, including the draft order/permit, USEPA's 301(h) tentative decision, permit application and supporting data, report of waste discharge, staff report, related documents, and all comments and evidence received is available for public inspection at the USEPA and Water Board office locations given above, Monday through Thursday between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

Upon issuance of a final permit decision and response to comments, the USEPA and Water Board will notify the applicant and persons who submitted written comments or requested notice of the final 301(h) permit decision. When a final 301(h) decision and permit are issued, they will become effective 33 days following the date they are mailed to the discharger, unless a request for review is filed. Persons filing a request for review must have filed comments on the 301(h) tentative decision and draft permit, or participated in the public hearing, except as provided in 40 CFR 124.19.

Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons known to you who would be interested in this matter.

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